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SUBJECT: INDONSIAN APPROACH TO CALTEX AND STANVAC

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1. IN MEETING WITH MINISTER OF STATE SUDHARMONO  
OCTOBER 3, I MENTIONED EARLIER CONVERSATIONS WITH DR.  
SADLI AND REPEATED OUR POSITION ON CHANGES IN OIL CON-  
TRACTS AS OUTLINED IN STATE 230998. I MENTIONED THAT  
I WAS ALWAYS PLEASED TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO BUT  
I DID NOT FEEL THAT I HAD BASIS FORMALLY TO REQUEST  
AUDIENCE AT THIS TIME.

2. SUDHARMONO SAID HE HAD TOLD SADLI THAT NEXT STEP  
IN CONSIDERATION OF OIL CONTRACTS SHOULD BE VISIT TO  
INFONESIA BY SENIOR OFFICIALS CALTEX AND STANVAC. IN  
THAT EVENT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR ME TO REQUEST  
AUDIENCES ON THEIR BEHALF AND TO ACCOMPANY THEM TO  
MEETING WITH PRESIDENT.

3. IN RESPONSE I REMINDED GENERAL SUDHARMONO THT USG  
WAS NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN CONTRACT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN  
PRIVATE COMPANIES AND FOREIGN GGVERNMENTS BUT THAT IF  
THAT WAS CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO REQUEST  
AUDIENCE AND ACCOMPANY OFFICIALS IN THEIR INITIAL CALL  
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SUBJECT, OF COURSE, TO THEIR OWN WISHES IN THIS MATTER.

4. COMMENT: AS DR. SADLI EXPLAINED TO ME, PREVIOUS CONTRACT DISCUSSIONS WERE ALMOST ENTIRELY BETWEEN PERTAMINA AND AMERICAN COMPANIES. PERTAMINA, ACCORDING TO SADLI, NO LONGER HAS THIS ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY HAS SHIFTED TO GOVERNMENT. THIS IS WHY USG BEING INFORMED OF EACH STEP IN THIS PROCESS. WHILE WE CAN NOT REJECT GOI DESIRE THAT WE BE INFORMED, I BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE CONTINUE TO TRY TO SEPARATE OURSELVES FROM ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS. AS THIS SCENARIO DEVELOPS, I MAY SEEK FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT.

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